

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**On page 2, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following new paragraph.**

It is also known from U.S. Patents 4, 551,930 to Graham et al., 4,561,195 to Onoda et al., 4,798,010 to Sugiyama, and 6,401,365 to Kita et al. to make at least a part of the midsole of a running shoe with two layers of materials having different mechanical properties in order to obtain either a greater flexibility or absorb shocks. It is also known from U.S. Patent 5,528,841 to Pozzobon to provide in the shell of a footwear a plurality of through seats and a plurality of soft pads arranged within the seats. It is also known from U.S. Patent 6,457,265 to Lepage et al. to make a boot having a rigid core and a supple envelope, wherein the rigid core has a reinforcement means extending through to the outside of the envelope.

**On page 5, line 24, please replace the current paragraph with the following paragraph.**

Although a preferred embodiment has been described here above, it will be appreciated that the invention may be implemented also in a number of different forms and variants without departing from the scope as defined by the appended claims. In particular, the increase of the moment of inertia without increasing the thickness of the shell can be obtained with a different pattern than the ribs of the protruding elements in selected location of the interfacing surface of the layer made of materials with higher mechanical properties.